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**Subject**: Re: CFAC and Sen Tester Tour

Can do.

Mike

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2016, at 12:29 PM, Hestmark, Martin < Hestmark. Martin@epa.gov > wrote:

Joe and Mike – can you provide regular Hot topics after your public and congressional meetings re CFAC?

From: McGrath, Shaun

**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2016 10:19 AM **To:** Faulk, Libby < Faulk.Libby@epa.gov>

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Subject: Re: CFAC and Sen Tester Tour

excellent article. Very well done Mike!

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 25, 2016, at 10:05 AM, Faulk, Libby <Faulk.Libby@epa.gov> wrote:

Story in the Daily Interlake:

http://www.dailyinterlake.com/news/local\_montana/tester-still-wants-superfund-cleanup/article\_412b8aa4-f20d-11e5-8a3b-572d94252c2d.html

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## Tester still wants Superfund cleanup

## www.dailyinterlake.com

During a tour of the shuttered Columbia Falls Alumir on Thursday, Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., said he still he see the site designated under the federal Superfund program and expressed skepticism about parent con Glencore's resolve to fully remediate the property.

From: McGrath, Shaun

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2016 10:02 AM

To: Cirian, Mike

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Subject: Re: CFAC and Sen Tester Tour

Thanks Mike. Very helpful report. Glad it went well.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2016, at 9:19 AM, Cirian, Mike < <u>Cirian.Mike@epa.gov</u>> wrote:

Hello All,

Yesterday's tour seemed to go off without a hitch, other than we had rain, hail, snow and wind.

Audience consisted of the Senator and two from his staff, three folks from Glencore, 4 from MDEQ, Columbia Falls Mayor, one city council member and city manager, CALBAGS project manager (company demoing the buildings) and 8 reporters.

The tour started with CFAC giving a brief slide show of the plant history. Cheryl Driscoll (Glencore Senior VP) gave a brief message and took the opportunity to pitch for not listing on the NPL. I only had two quick messages at this time and that was to understand that there are two projects going on. CALBAGS building demos which is totally

separate than our project with is only in the beginning stages of investigation and the other was that the EPA plans on hosting a public meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

We then all jumped on a "school bus" and drove through the site with Cliff (CALBAGS pm) giving a description. Then we drove to two other site locations to see the areas where we will be doing some of our investigations. (Landfill locations and the North Settling ponds.)

Senator Tester stated that this was a good tour and helped him with the perspective of the site layout. He also talked with me, the mayor and city manager that he still was concerned with the company and their ability to walk away from cleanup without a listing.

After the tour, the press interviewed the Senator, Glencore and I was asked a few questions.

My take away from this is that it is important to focus on the educating the community that there are two projects going on. I think this will help the community understand how and why the State and EPA have different roles, and yet common goals for the site.

VR, Mike

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From: Vranka, Joe

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 3:41 PM

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Subject: RE: CFAC and Sen Tester Tour

Hello, Everyone:

Senator Jon Tester will be touring the Anaconda Aluminum Columbia Falls Reduction Plant site at 11:00 a.m. Thursday March 24, 2016. In attendance for EPA will be Mike Cirian, Remedial Project Manager, and Robert Moler, Community Involvement Coordinator. We have been informed by Senator Tester's staff that the tour will be no more than an

hour. It is likely that local news media will be in attendance. The "CFAC Superfund Handout" file depicts the Superfund process and identifies where we are in that process for Anaconda Aluminum. The "Superfund Alternative" fact sheet provides basic information on the Superfund Alternative approach to site investigation and cleanup. The "CFAC Draft Communication Strategy" was produced last summer, but provides some useful background information.

The "CFAC Talking Points" document was recently prepared for the Administrator's Office for a meeting with Senator Tester. It is largely the script Mike and Robert intend to follow, with the following additions:

- EPA signed an Administrative Order on Consent with the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company in November 2015 to begin remedial investigation of the site. Environmental sampling and data collection is expected to begin this spring.
- 2. EPA is working closely with the State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality to direct and oversee the investigation by the potentially responsible party.
- 3. EPA is planning a public availability session/open house on April 5, 2016 in Columbia Falls, Montana, to update the community on the status of the site and plans for environmental sampling.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns, or if you require additional information. Let me know, too, if you have suggestions for changes to the talking points.

Thank you,

Joe

From: Stavnes, Sandra

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 2:52 PM

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Subject: CFAC and Sen Tester Tour

Shaun

Just talked with Joe V and he is going over the TPs that Mike Cirian and Robert Moler (new CIC in MT) are developing for their tour with Sen Tester's office on 3/24. We should have something to share with you tomorrow.

Sandy

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